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NEW SHOREHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year

1955

T.H. HARRISON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.

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NEW SHOREHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

16, Buckingham Road,
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA,
Sussex.

21st February 1956

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my first annual report as Medical Officer of Health to the New Shoreham Port Health Authority.

For the first time the Authority now has the services of a full time Port Health Inspector. Mr. Tate took up his appointment with effect from the 1st August 1955. The arrangement whereby Dr. A.J. Partridge continues to serve as Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health has proved to be a very happy one, and I am very grateful for the co-operation and helpful advice I have received from him. I have found that my duties as Port Medical Officer fit in very well with my duties as Medical Officer of Health to the Urban Districts of Shoreham-by-Sea and Southwick.

The volume of shipping using the Port again shows an increase. During the past year 490 vessels (including 23 yachts) arrived from foreign ports (net tonnage 213206 tons) and 1591 vessels from coastwise ports (net tonnage 526764 tons), a total of 2081 vessels (net tonnage 739970 tons). This shows an increase of 253 vessels (132632 tons) from foreign ports and a decrease of 33 vessels from coastwise ports.

During the year 450 vessels from foreign ports and 665 vessels from coastwise ports were inspected, and 14 notices served for various defects, mostly relating to defects in the galleys and pantries. 10 of these notices have been complied with.

Two ships reported bugs in the crews' quarters but after spraying with insecticide no further complaints were received.

One case of dysentery was landed and admitted to hospital, no further cases occurring in the ship.

Approval of the Port has not yet been granted and the Southampton Port Health Authority were called in to issue 15 deratisation exemption certificates.

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SECTION I

STAFF
TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
T.H.Harrison	Port Medical Officer	1.4.55	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.	M.O.H. to the Urban Districts of Shoreham and Southwick. M.O.H. to Chanctonbury Rural District. Assistant M.O.H. to West Sussex County Council.
A.J.Partridge	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1.4.55	F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.R.C.O.G.	Police Surgeon, West Sussex Constabulary Steyning Division.
A. Tato	Port Health Inspector	1.8.55	D.P.A., C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.	---
T.A.Eardley	Deputy Port Health Inspector	1942	C.S.I.B.	Sanitary Inspector to Southwick Urban District Council.

Address and Telephone Number of
the Medical Officer of Health:

34 Kingston Lane,
Shoreham-by-Sea.
Southwick 3042.

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Arrangements for the day to day treatment of sick seamen are not very satisfactory. The arrangement is that under the National Health Service if the seamen are resident in Shoreham they are registered with a general practitioner. If not resident, they are entitled to go to any general practitioner in the district when they are treated as temporary residents. Unfortunately the geography of the Port is such that the ships are often tied up a long way from the nearest general practitioner, and as time is an important factor in discharging ships and catching tides, I think it is likely that seamen are deterred from seeking medical advice as often as they should.

Awkward situations are not infrequently caused when seamen are sick in quarters. On one occasion in December, it was reported to me that a seaman was suffering from an acute attack of vomiting and abdominal pain. The ship was due to sail into arctic conditions with gale and snow warnings, and it was clearly impossible to let the man continue in this condition. The hospital bed situation was very tight that week, and it was only after telephoning every hospital but one in the district that the man was finally admitted to hospital. He made a rapid recovery in hospital and all was well. Had the last hospital been full, the ship would have to have been delayed.

Deputy Port Health Inspector.

We have been indebted to the help given by Mr. T.A. Eardley, the Deputy Inspector, on some occasions when, but for his services, the Port would have been entirely without an inspector. Mr. Eardley, however, has a very full time appointment with the Southwick Urban District Council and in the absence of Mr. Tate during holidays and for reasons of illness, no routine work is done apart from urgent day to day work. In a Port as busy as this, I think the time is opportune to review the duties of the Deputy.

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B

SHIPS FROM:	NO.	NET TONNAGE	NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS		INFECTIOUS DISEASE
			M.O.H.	P.S.I.	
FOREIGN	490	213,206	6	450	NIL
COAST-WISE	1591	526,764	10	665	1 (dysentery)
TOTALS	2081	739,970	16	1115	1

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SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.
TABLE C.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

- NIL

CARGO TRAFFIC

IMPORTS

FROM FOREIGN PORTS

	<u>No. of Ships</u>	<u>Net Tonnage</u>
Coal	315	176779
Timber	104	25881
Paper	7	1415
Potatoes	3	691
Fertiliser	3	395
Bog Ore	3	694
Stone	3	817
General	3	505
Beer	2	596
Potash	1	280
Basic Slag	1	176

COASTWISE

Coal	578	317761
Oil	451	80051
Beach	404	80790
Slag	66	26930
Stone	28	9826
Potatoes	7	1781
General	8	1265
Fertiliser	3	384
Food	1	173
Clay	1	106

EXPORTS

Scrap Iron	44 cargoes	5634 tons
Tar	9 cargoes	2084 tons
Coke Breeze	7 cargoes	2848 tons
Spent Oxide	3 cargoes	1015 tons
Others	7 cargoes	1928 tons

PRINCIPAL PORTS FROM WHICH SHIPS ARRIVE.COASTWISE

Southampton	633
Goole	327
London	229
Tyne	120
Amble	50
Blyth	34
Middlesbro	50
Flixbro	22
Port Talbot	19
Llandulais	10
Hartlepool	12
Newlyn	7
Port Houstock	7
Londonderry	7
Belfast	6
Portsmouth	9
Avonmouth	3
Billingham	3
Cardiff	3
Sunderland	3
Newport, I.O.W.	6
Poole	7

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FOREIGN

Rotterdam	158
Calais	59
Dunkirk	51
Rouen	30
Antwerp	13

FOREIGN PORTS FROM WHICH VESSELS HAVE ARRIVED.

<u>FRANCE</u>	Brest, Bolougne, Calais, Caen, Dieppe, Dunkirk, Gravelines Honfleur, Le Havre, L'Orient, Nantes, Rouen, St. Malo, Treport, Le Mailleraye.
<u>BELGIUM</u>	Antwerp, Ostend, Ghent
<u>HOLLAND</u>	Delfzyl, Rotterdam
<u>GERMANY</u>	Hamburg
<u>POLAND</u>	Danzig, Gdansk, Stettin
<u>PORTUGAL</u>	Leixoes
<u>NORWAY</u>	Arendal, Porsgrogn
<u>SWEDEN</u>	Gefle, Nordkoping, Kalmar, Korsnass, Oxelsund, Skogall, Ala, Gothenburg, Karlshamn, Stocka, Varburg, Copenhagen, Lidkoping, Skelleftehamn, Bolstra, Bolskernas, Salvesborg, Mudiksvall, Harnosand, Burea, Pitea.
<u>FINLAND</u>	Helsinki, Lapaluoto, Tornio, Haukipudas, Kasko, Kotka, Mentyluoto, Yxpila, Jacobstad, Patiniemi, Skogby, Raamo, Norrtaise, Walcom, Wasa, Mariehamn.
<u>U.S.S.R.</u>	Archangel, Mesane.

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SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Number using the district	- Nil
Tonnage	- Nil
Places served by the traffic	- Nil

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY.

Source of Supply for District	- Brighton Corporation
Source of Supply for Shipping	- Brighton Corporation
Reports of Tests for contamination	- During the year one sample of water from the supply available to ships was submitted for analysis by the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton. The result was satisfactory.
Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.	- Hosepipes are delivered from store and collected on request.
Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by Authority	- Nil

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

The list of infected areas is supplied by the Medical Officer of Health to the Preventative Officer at the office of H.M. Customs and is corrected weekly.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX.

- (i) Arrangements have been made for the removal of smallpox cases to Long Reach Hospital, Dartford.
- (ii) The transport of smallpox patients would be by ambulance provided by the Brighton Corporation.
- (iii) The Consultant in respect of suspected cases of smallpox is Dr. W.S. Parker, Medical Officer of Health, Brighton.
- (iv) The Public Health Laboratory in Brighton is available for the examination of specimens submitted for diagnosis.

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SECTION VIII.
VENEREAL DISEASE

Facilities are available for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, as follows:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Monday	4.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Tuesday 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday	9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Thursday 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Thursday	1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.	Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

SECTION IX.

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.
TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during year		No. of Ships Concerned.
		pass.	crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed before arrival		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases landed from other ships	Dysentery		1	1

SECTION X
MALARIA IN SHIPS

No ships visit the Port from Malarial countries.

SECTION XI
MEASURES AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No cases of plague have been reported on ships arriving at this Port.

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SECTION XII

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

All the ships from foreign ports were searched after discharge but no evidence of rats was found.

TABLE E

No rat infestation has been found on ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F

This is not yet an approved Port. 15 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued by the Southampton Port Health Authority.

SECTION XIII

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G.

NATURE & NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS.	NO. OF SHIPS	NOTICES SERVED		RESULT OF SERVING NOTICES
		Statu- tory	Others	
Foreign	450		1	1 complied
Coastwise	665		13	9 complied
Houseboats	6		2	2 complied

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

The removal or taking for sale for human consumption of any shell-fish from the Harbour and the waters of the river Adur between the entrance to the Harbour and the town of Shoreham-by-Sea is forbidden except for the purpose of relaying. No instance of selling shell-fish taken from the prohibited area has been observed.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens.

There is no passenger traffic in this Port.

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In conclusion, I would like to thank the officers of H. M. Customs and Excise, the Shoreham Harbour Authorities, and the Shipping Agents for their willing co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS H. HARRISON,

Medical Officer of Health.

To: The Chairman and Members
of the New Shoreham Port
Health Authority.

